



## SAFER COMMUNITIES

## SAFER SCHOOLS

Right now, **guns are the #1 cause of death of children** in the United States. Since Columbine, more than **349,000 students** have experienced **gun violence at school**. Inaction is not an option. That's why we're continuing to respond to this crisis with a 2023 Gun Violence Prevention Package (HB 2005).

### GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION PACKAGE

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#### Cracking Down on Ghost Guns

Ghost guns are unserialized and undetectable when made out of plastic, and are the gun of choice for gun traffickers, violent criminals, and people legally prohibited from buying firearms. Our package gives law enforcement the tools they need to keep our communities safe and keeps guns out of the wrong hands by prohibiting the sale, manufacturing, or importing of ghost guns with exceptions for hobbyists, who will have ample time to serialize their past and future gun kits.

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#### 21 to Smoke, 21 to Drink & 21 to Own Most Firearms

Six of nine of the deadliest mass shootings in the US since 2018 were carried out by people 21 or younger. In Uvalde, the shooter was 18; in Parkland, the shooter was 19; at the Safeway in Bend, the shooter was 20; at Tops Grocery in Buffalo, the shooter was 18. Our plan brings firearm purchases in alignment with the age to purchase a handgun, which federally is 21 years of age. Raising the age to 21 for firearms, with certain and specific exemptions, including hunting and military service, is a reasonable approach to the very real dangers we face.

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#### Local Control for Firearms in Public Buildings

Local jurisdictions know what is best for their communities. That's why our package gives local governments the option to prohibit guns in their buildings and adjacent grounds in order to provide safe spaces, free from fear.



### THE GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION PACKAGE:

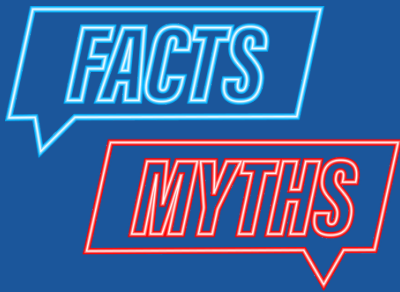
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## MAKING OREGON SAFER: GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION PACKAGE

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✗ **MYTH:** This package won't make our schools safer.

✓ **FACT:** Six of the nine deadliest shootings since 2018 were carried out by adults under 21. We also know ghost guns have been used in school shootings. Past legislation we've passed, like Oregon's Red Flag Law, are proving effective. This is another step that will save lives.

### CRACKING DOWN ON GHOST GUNS

✗ **MYTH:** Banning ghost guns will criminalize innocent gun hobbyists and enthusiasts, who will no longer be able to practice their hobby or serialize past guns.

✓ **FACT:** This package respects responsible gun ownership. Hobbyists and enthusiasts are protected and will be given ample time to serialize their past and future gun kits.

### RAISING THE AGE OF PURCHASE & POSSESSION

✗ **MYTH:** This takes away guns from military service members and hunters.

✓ **FACT:** This package has certain and specific exemptions, including hunting and military service. The bill provides clarity for what people 18 to 21 can possess and purchase, instead of a blanket prohibition on all firearms ownership until 21. It is a balance between community safety and individual liberty – an Oregon approach to a growing challenge.

### LOCAL CONTROL

✗ **MYTH:** This really isn't local control since people won't know where prohibitions begin and end, putting people at risk of breaking the law.

✓ **FACT:** Local communities know what's best for them. If they choose to prohibit firearms in public buildings, there will have to be signage to indicate where carriage is allowed. This would have no effect on firearms carriage outside of public buildings and their adjacent grounds, and would not mandate that any community take action if they do not wish to.

